



# PEMBROKE

## Plymouth County



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## NARRATIVE

### **Narrative**

The Town of Pembroke is a rural community located approximately 30 miles South of Boston. The town is a convenient commute to Boston to the north and historic Plymouth to the south. With five ponds, Pembroke is able to offer swimming, boating and fishing in the summer and ice fishing and skating in the winter months to residents and visitors. Approaching Pembroke, visitors pass the herring run and the park, a site which brings people from surrounding areas.

Pembroke's town center is that of a typical New England town with many well-preserved historic buildings, picturesque and unique to the northeast. Residents comment that if you live in Pembroke and work elsewhere, you are always happy to come home.

(Narrative supplied by community)



# GEOGRAPHY

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## Location

Southeastern Massachusetts, bordered by Hanover, Norwell, and Marshfield on the north and northeast; Duxbury on the east; Kingston, Plympton, and Halifax on the south; and Hanson on the west. Pembroke is 14 miles east of Brockton, 16 miles north of Plymouth, 26 miles southeast of Boston, and 220 miles from New York City.

**Total Area:** 23.48 sq. miles

**Land Area:** 21.85 sq. miles

**Population:** 14,544

**Density:** 666 per sq. mile

## Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Plymouth Station)

Normal temperature in January.....26.5°F

Normal temperature in July.....71.0°F

Normal annual precipitation.....48.8"

## U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Hanover

## Regional Planning Agency

Old Colony

## Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Boston



# GOVERNMENT

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## Municipal Offices

Main Number: (781) 293-3844

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

## Form of Government

Board of Selectmen  
Executive Secretary  
Open Town Meeting

## Year Incorporated

As a town: 1712

## Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	8,528		
Democrats	2,636	30.9	%
Republicans	1,325	15.5	%
Other parties	3	0.0	%
Unenrolled Voters	4,564	53.5	%

## Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



# DEMOGRAPHICS

**Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000**

Geographic Area: Pembroke town, Plymouth County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	16,927	100.0	<b>HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE</b>		
<b>SEX AND AGE</b>			Total population.....	16,927	100.0
Male.....	8,373	49.5	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	90	0.5
Female.....	8,554	50.5	Mexican.....	27	0.2
Under 5 years.....	1,342	7.9	Puerto Rican.....	19	0.1
5 to 9 years.....	1,349	8.0	Cuban.....	5	-
10 to 14 years.....	1,423	8.4	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	39	0.2
15 to 19 years.....	1,104	6.5	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	16,837	99.5
20 to 24 years.....	632	3.7	White alone.....	16,514	97.6
25 to 34 years.....	2,287	13.5	<b>RELATIONSHIP</b>		
35 to 44 years.....	3,262	19.3	Total population.....	16,927	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	2,472	14.6	In households.....	16,800	99.2
55 to 59 years.....	974	5.8	Householder.....	5,750	34.0
60 to 64 years.....	670	4.0	Spouse.....	3,835	22.7
65 to 74 years.....	849	5.0	Child.....	6,019	35.6
75 to 84 years.....	433	2.6	Own child under 18 years.....	4,500	26.6
85 years and over.....	130	0.8	Other relatives.....	684	4.0
Median age (years).....	36.0	(X)	Under 18 years.....	251	1.5
18 years and over.....	12,081	71.4	Nonrelatives.....	512	3.0
Male.....	5,844	34.5	Unmarried partner.....	256	1.5
Female.....	6,237	36.8	In group quarters.....	127	0.8
21 years and over.....	11,573	68.4	Institutionalized population.....	57	0.3
62 years and over.....	1,770	10.5	Noninstitutionalized population.....	70	0.4
65 years and over.....	1,412	8.3	<b>HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE</b>		
Male.....	618	3.7	Total households.....	5,750	100.0
Female.....	794	4.7	Family households (families).....	4,556	79.2
<b>RACE</b>			With own children under 18 years.....	2,347	40.8
One race.....	16,802	99.3	Married-couple family.....	3,835	66.7
White.....	16,569	97.9	With own children under 18 years.....	2,037	35.4
Black or African American.....	85	0.5	Female householder, no husband present.....	513	8.9
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	12	0.1	With own children under 18 years.....	228	4.0
Asian.....	86	0.5	Nonfamily households.....	1,194	20.8
Asian Indian.....	19	0.1	Householder living alone.....	961	16.7
Chinese.....	24	0.1	Householder 65 years and over.....	357	6.2
Filipino.....	4	-	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	2,511	43.7
Japanese.....	3	-	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	1,068	18.4
Korean.....	5	-	Average household size.....	2.92	(X)
Vietnamese.....	23	0.1	Average family size.....	3.31	(X)
Other Asian <sup>1</sup> .....	8	-	<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	2	-	Total housing units.....	5,897	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	-	-	Occupied housing units.....	5,750	97.5
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	1	-	Vacant housing units.....	147	2.5
Samoa.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander <sup>2</sup> .....	1	-	occasional use.....	63	1.1
Some other race.....	48	0.3	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.3	(X)
Two or more races.....	125	0.7	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	0.9	(X)
<i>Race alone or in combination with one</i>			<b>HOUSING TENURE</b>		
<i>or more other races: <sup>3</sup></i>			Occupied housing units.....	5,750	100.0
White.....	16,696	98.6	Owner-occupied housing units.....	5,121	89.1
Black or African American.....	114	0.7	Renter-occupied housing units.....	629	10.9
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	41	0.2	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	3.04	(X)
Asian.....	128	0.8	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.00	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	9	0.1			
Some other race.....	82	0.5			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

<sup>2</sup> Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

<sup>3</sup> In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



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# HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

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**Home Sales** (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

**Subsidized Housing Units** (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

**Public Housing Units** (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State:	139
Conventional Federal:	49

**Rental Assistance**(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP:	8
Federal (Section 8):	83



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# TRANSPORTATION

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## TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Pembroke is situated in the Greater Boston Area, which has excellent rail, air, and highway facilities. State Route 128 and Interstate Route 495 divide the region into inner and outer zones, which are connected by numerous "spokes" providing direct access to the airport, port, and intermodal facilities of Boston.

### Major Highways

Principal highways are State Routes 27, 36, 53 and 139, which forms an interchange with the Southeast Expressway (State Route 3) on the eastern border of Pembroke.

### Rail

Commuter rail service to South Station, Boston, will be available in 1996-97 on the Plymouth Line from South Hanson or Kingston. The MBTA Red Line is accessible from Braintree & Quincy. There is no freight rail service, but the network of intermodal facilities serving eastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island is easily accessible.

### Bus

Pembroke is a member of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA). The Plymouth and Brockton Street Railway Company provides commuter service to Boston.

### Other

The Marshfield Airport, in neighboring Marshfield, a General Aviation (GA) facility located 2 mi. E of town, has a 2,999'x 75' asphalt runway. Instrument approaches available: Non-precision. Boston Harbor Commuter Service and Mass Bay Lines provides commuter boat service to Rowes Wharf, Boston, from nearby Hingham.



# CULTURE AND RECREATION

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## LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

## MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

Pembroke Historical Society  
Center Street  
(781) 293-9083

## RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

**Recreational Facilities** (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



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# MISCELLANEOUS

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## HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

### Hospitals

Ami-Pembroke Hospital

### Long Term Care

North River Nursing Home

### Hospices

None

### Rest Homes

None

### UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)



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